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For: CUTTING TOOLS AND ROUGHENED :
ARTICLES USING SURFACE :
ROUGHENING METHODS :

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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2006-159388 appears to disclose roughening method, cutting tool and cylindrical member. This publication was cited against claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16 and 17 of the corresponding Japanese Patent Application.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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